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SUMMARY: IN HIS RECENT VISIT TO VENEZUELA, PRIMEMINISTER PALME FOUND COMMON IDEOLOGICAL GROUND, BUT APPARENTLY REACHED NO AGREEMENTS WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ. END SUMMARY

1. SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLAF PALME, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND A 12-MAN DELEGATION AND 12 SWEDISH JOURNALISTS, VISITED VENEZUELA ON JUNE 24-28. PALME MET WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM, AND OTHER OFFICIALS, ATTENDED VARIOUS FUNCTIONS IN HIS HONOR, AND VISITED STEEL AND ALUMINUM PLANTS OUTSIDE OF CARACAS.

2. PALME FOUND MUCH COMMON GROUND WITH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS ON BROAD INTERNATIONAL THEMES. IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO LEADERS ENDORSED THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS
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AND DUTIES OF STATES. THEY AGREED THAT THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC

SYSTEM WAS SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY UNJUST AND CALLED FOR POLITICAL MEASURES TO ESTABLISH A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER BASED UPON THE NEW CONCEPT OF WORLD SOLIDARITY, STABLE AND REASONABLE PRICES FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS, AND BETTER ACCESS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE MARKETS OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. PALME AND PEREZ CONDEMNED NUCLEAR TESTING, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DENUCLEARIZED ZONES, AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREATY OF PROHIBIT NUCLEAR ARMS IN LATIN AMERICA. IN HIS FAREWELL REMARKS TO PALME AT THE AIRPORT, FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR PRAISED THE SWEDISH PRIMEMINISTER AS A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS THIRD WORLD, NOT ONLY IN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, BUT SPIRITUALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY AS WELL.

3. THE PEREZ-PALME COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF IRON, STEEL, MENTALLURGY, SHIPBUILDING AND ECOLOGY. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT NO SPECIFIC BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED IN THESE FIELDS.
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